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### Planning

#### **EMS Certification Expiration**

Emergency medical care provider renewals must be completed by Tuesday March 31, 2015. Providers certified at the EMT-B or Paramedic Specialist levels must complete the transition requirements this certification cycle. EMT-Intermediates and EMT-Paramedics may continue to renew this cycle. The transition requirements are available on the [Transition page of the IDPH EMS web site](#). To complete the electronic renewal, visit the IDPH [System Registry Student/Provider site](#). If you have not logged into the System Registry since January 1, 2014, you will need to establish a user name and password by selecting the "Sign-Up" option. For issues with the user name and password process, contact the help desk at 1-800-532-1174.

#### **FY15-16 Healthcare Coalition Preparedness RFA Released**

An RFA for 15-16 healthcare coalition preparedness funding has been posted under *Grant Opportunities* at [www.iowaGrants.gov](http://www.iowaGrants.gov). In addition, IDPH has posted a notice of the availability for this RFA on the IDPH Web page under *Funding Opportunities* at: [www.idph.state.ia.us](http://www.idph.state.ia.us). The application is due May 6, 2015 by 4: 00 p.m. Local Iowa Time. This is funding opportunity ID #112528. Please remember to direct all RFA-related questions to the contacts identified in the RFA.

#### **Preparedness Coalition Training and Exercise Plans Due**

Our federal partners require all coalitions to complete training and exercise reports each year. Both reports are due by end of day Friday, April 10 and reports should be submitted via [iowaGrants.gov](http://iowaGrants.gov). See the email from John Hallman dated 3/24/2015 for the report templates and additional information.

## **PHEP Concurrence for FY15-16 Application**

As part of IDPH's application process for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program cooperative agreements with CDC, we are required to obtain concurrence on overall strategies, approaches, and priorities outlined in the application work plans. IDPH must document evidence that a majority of local health departments approve or concur with the annual strategies, approaches, and priorities of the preparedness program.

Local public health administrators: look for an email from Rebecca Curtiss this week with additional information for you to review, then click the Survey Monkey link to submit your response.

The Hospital Preparedness Program does not have a concurrence requirement.

## **Image Trend EMS Patient Care Report Data Collection System**

BETS has had a number of questions regarding the transition to the new Image Trend EMS patient care report data collection system. See the questions and answers below:

Q. Is there any charge or cost to my service for using the state's new EMS data collection system?

A. There is NO CHARGE-NO COST to use the new Image Trend data collection system. It is a web-based system meaning you will need a computer and internet access to input data and other information into the system.

Image Trend has additional products available that your service MAY choose to purchase such as their mobile application (data can be entered onto a laptop or tablet without being connected to the internet) called Field Bridge. Your service is not required to purchase these additional applications to access the system.

Q. Can I enter data into the current state EMS data collection system (WebCur) after April 1?

A. No, however, the new Image Trend site will be up and available for you to start using April 1, 2015. Please remember that you have 90 days from the end of the quarter to submit data, however, we are encouraging you to begin submitting data as soon as possible.

Q. Will all our old data be available to us?

A. Yes. Included in the IDPH contract with Image Trend is the uploading of legacy data starting in 2009 on through to March 31, 2015. Image Trend is in the process of bringing the legacy data to the system.

Q. If we use a vendor other than Image Trend, will we be able to upload our data to the state's new site?

A. Yes. It is important that you visit with your software vendor to determine if they have been in contact with Image Trend so a process can be established to upload your data. Please contact Summer Hauser (Image Trend) at [shauser@imagnetrend.com](mailto:shauser@imagnetrend.com) for third party vendor setup information.

Q. If I currently use the state's WebCur system, will I be able to use my existing sign-on information?

A. No. The individuals attending the Image Trend trainings earlier this month have been contacted and provided new sign on information. If your service did not attend any Image Trend training and have not yet received a user id or password e-mail Terry Smith at [terry.smith@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:terry.smith@idph.iowa.gov) with your EMS Service designated admin full name, email address, service name and program number. Don't hesitate to e-mail Terry or Clark Christensen for further information. [clark.christensen@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:clark.christensen@idph.iowa.gov)

Q. Will there be more Image Trend Training scheduled?

A. There are no additional face-to-face trainings scheduled. Next week, a link to a recorded broadcast will be e-mailed. This broadcast will cover the basic information needed to add staff, service information and enter data into the system.

## **Ebola-Specific Funding**

Our federal partners have notified BETS that Ebola-specific PHEP and HPP funding will be made available. This funding will come in the form of new contracts that are anticipated to be released in April.

## **Pediatric Domain and Hospital Preparedness**

On April 2, 2015 from 4-5 pm EST the National EMS for Children National Resource Center will host a webinar- "Pediatric Domains and Considerations for Hospital Disaster Preparedness: Where Do We Begin. The webinar is aimed at hospital respondents to the Pediatric Readiness Assessment; though others interested in improving emergency department pediatric and disaster care are encouraged to attend. Additional information about the webinar is available at <http://www.emscnrc.org/Events/Webinars.aspx>.

## **Training Opportunities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Registration Info.</b>
April 23-24	Basic Public Information Officer	Council Bluffs, Iowa	<a href="http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/">http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/</a>
April 29-30	ICS-300	Le Mars, Iowa	